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Arttime, Cuba Invasion Leader, Reported Captured in Swamps

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(AP)—The leader of the crushed anti-Castro invasion, Capt. Manuel Arttime, was captured today after roving for two weeks in the mosquito-infested swampland of Cuba's Zapata peninsula, Havana Radio announced.

The broadcast said Arttime surrendered without resistance near the village of San Blas in an area where Premier Fidel Castro's soldiers have been searching for the last survivors of the rebellion.

Arttime was quoted as saying he had subsisted in the mangrove swamp by eating small wild birds.

The radio announcer said the rebel leader turned into a "talkative parrot" as he told Cuban authorities all about the expedition.

He reportedly said that his forces had been organized, directed and financed by the United States and that U. S. destroyers had escorted the landing force from Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, to Cuba for the April 17 assault.

The radio said Arttime told his captors that if he had known the strength of Castro's forces, he "would not only not have come but would have tried to convince some of my companions to abandon the idea."

Other Developments

In other developments, the Cuban radio announced:

• Castro told a group of foreign delegates to the May Day celebration that despite his decree that all foreign-born priests must leave the island, "we will take any priest as a martyr." He



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charged that the Church has engaged in counter-revolutionary activities inspired by Gen. Francisco Franco of Spain and Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

• Revolutionary police in Santa Clara were guarding private schools against possible sabotage in the wake of Castro's May Day announcement that he will nationalize private educational institutions.

• A public prosecutor demanded a 143-year prison sentence for Lizardo Nicolardo Rojas, a former member of the private army maintained by former Senator Rolando Masferrer, an associate of former dictator Fulgencio Batista.

• Frogmen were at work in the invasion area, trying to salvage ammunition from ships sunk by the Cuban air force. Two of the ships, as seen on television, were named the Houston and the Monrovia.

• Supplies, including food, American cigarettes and ammunition, were found in what was described as an insurgents' camp on a key near the Isle of Pines.

Priests Criticized

In his speech to the foreign delegates last night, Castro attacked Catholic priests as imperialists who were "intolerable to the Cuban people." He added that "we won't make any priest a martyr here. We won't cannonize anyone here." He announced that five Spanish priests have been jailed for being implicated in "war-like activities."

Castro, in a quoted reference to President Miguel Ydigoras of Guatemala, described him as "a hypocrite, a shameless man, a lackey of the worst kind and the most docile instrument of imperialism." Many of the captured invaders have said they were trained in Guatemala.

Castro refused to discuss the Lenin "peace" prize the Soviet Union awarded him last week but told the foreign delegates that "the Cuban people have done much for peace."